

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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**Education:** 1992 Dr.Philol. (=PhD) (University of Latvia) /Thesis "Derivation of  
Latvian limnonyms"/

1985 Cand.Philol. (University of Latvia)

1972–1977 University of Vilnius (Lithuania), Faculty of Philology,  
concurrently (exchange student 4 sem.) University of Latvia,  
Faculty of Philology (specialization in Lithuanian  
language and literature, in Baltic and Classical languages)

**Academic title:** Assoc. Professor of the University of Helsinki (2006)

Assoc. Professor of the University of Latvia (2001)

**Professional experience:** 2005 – university lecturer of Baltic languages (University of Helsinki)  
1992 – leading scientific researcher, Latvian Language Institute (Riga)  
2001 – 2018 director of the Centre of Lithuanistics (University of Latvia)  
1996 – 2005 guest lecturer of Latvian language, culture and  
literature (University of Helsinki)  
1991–1996 Docent of Baltic languages (University of Latvia and  
Latvian Academy of Culture)  
1989–1991 senior scientific researcher (Latvian Language Institute)  
1986–1988 scientific researcher (Latvian Language Institute)  
1980–1985 junior scientific researcher (Latvian Language Institute)  
1979–1990 several positions – lecturer of Lithuanian, lecturer of Latin  
(University of Latvia)  
1977–1980 assistant, Latvian Language Institute (Latvian Academy of  
Sciences)

### Academic courses:

(read at the University of Latvia) Lithuanian language II, III, IV (BA program)  
Lithuanian language I, II (MA program)  
Latin language I, II (BA program)  
History of Lithuanian linguistics (MA program)  
Introduction to Baltic mythology (BA program)  
Course of Lithuanian-Latvian translation (MA pr.)  
Baltic onomastics (MA program)  
Comparative grammar of Latvian and Lithuanian (MA)  
Lithuanian grammatical categories (MA program)  
Lexicology and Culture of Lithuanian language (MA)

(read at the University of Helsinki) Latvian language I, II, III

Latvian culture and history (1996–2000)  
Baltic onomastics  
Prefixation of Latvian verbs  
Latvian and Lithuanian comparative grammar  
Latvian lexicology  
Baltic seminar  
Supervisor of 3 doctoral students  
Latvian hydronymics  
Baltic comparative toponymics  
Latvian and Lithuanian onomastics  
(anthroponymics and toponymics)  
Lexical parallels in Baltic languages

**Scientific interests:**

**Publications:**

~ 250: scientific publications – ~150  
popular scientific publications – ~100

Balkevičs J., Balode L., Bojāte A., Subatnieks V. *Lietuviešu-latviešu vārdnīca /Lithuanian – Latvian Dictionary/*. Rīga, 1995, 656 p.

Balode, L. & Bušs, O. 2015. *No Abavas līdz Zilupei. Vietvārdu cilmes īsā vārdnīca / From Abava to Zilupe. The Origin of Latvian Geographical Names: A Short Dictionary*. Rīga: Latviešu valodas aģentūra, 2015, 304 p.

*Latvijas vietvārdu vārdnīca, Sabe – Sēja-*. /Latvian Place-Name Dictionary/ Sastādītāji: Laimute Balode, Ojārs Bušs, Sanda Rapa, Renāte Siliņa-Piņķe, Anna Stafecka, Anta Trumpa. LU Latviešu valodas institūts. Rīga, 2017, 380 p.

Edited books: *Latvijas vietvārdu vārdnīca. Paaglis – Piķu-*. /Dictionary of Latvian Place-names/ (Editors: Ojārs Bušs, Laimute Balode, Dzintra Hirša). Rīga, LU Latviešu valodas institūts, 2003.

*Latvijas vietvārdu vārdnīca. Pilaci – Pracapole*. /Dictionary of Latvian Place-names/ (Editors: Ojārs Bušs, Laimute Balode, Dzintra Hirša, Anta Trumpa). Rīga, LU Latviešu valodas institūts, 2006.

*Latvijas vietvārdu vārdnīca. Pracirika – Puožu-*. (Redaktori Ojārs Bušs, Laimute Balode, Dzintra Hirša, Renāte Siliņa-Piņķe, Anta Trumpa). Rīga, LU Latviešu valodas institūts, 2010.

*Latvijas vietvārdu vārdnīca. R*. Sastādījuši Laimute Balode, Dzintra Hirša, Ojārs Bušs, Rīga, 2013.

A. Sabaļausks *Mēs – balti*, Zin. redaktori L. Balode, E. Trumpa, lit. redaktore S. Jērāne, Rīga: Latviešu valodas aģentūra, 2014.

**Additional education:**

1995 Oxford University (traineeship)  
1996–1997 University of Helsinki,  
Finnish language courses and data processing training  
2008.05.-07. and 2011.05.-07. University of Münster (Germany).

**Participation in international conferences and congresses:**

1991 Poland (Warsaw), 1992 Estonia (Tallinn), 1993 Germany (Trier), Sweden (Stockholm), 1994 France (Paris), Lithuania (Vilnius, Kaunas), 1995 Finland (Helsinki), Latvia (Riga), 1996 Scotland (Aberdeen), 1997 Lithuania (Vilnius), 1998 Russia (St. Petersburg), Estonia (Tallinn), Lithuania (Kaunas), 1999 Sweden (Stockholm), Spain (Santjago de Compostela), 2000 Hungary (Budapest), Latvia (Riga), Finland (Helsinki), 2001 Estonia (Tartu), Latvia (Riga), Lithuania (Vilnius), 2002 Russia (St. Petersburg), Lithuania (Vilnius), Sweden (Uppsala), Croatia (Zadar),

2003 Russia (St.Petersburg), Latvia (Riga), Lithuania (Vilnius), Finland (Turku), 2004 Croatia (Zadar), 2005 Italy (Pisa), Lithuania (Kaunas, Vilnius), 2006 Norway (Karashjohka), 2007 Poland (Poznan), Germany (Lüneburg), 2008 Canada (Toronto), Scotland (Edinburgh), 2009 Norway (Oslo), Finland (Helsinki), Lithuanian (Vilnius), 2010 Sweden (Stockholm), 2011 Spain (Barcelona), 2012 Finland (Turku), Estonia (Tartu), 2013 Estonia (Tallinn), Lithuania (Vilnius, Druskininkai), 2014 Scotland (Glasgow), 2015 Germany (Marburg), Lithuania (Vilnius), 2016 Latvia (Riga, Liepāja), Sweden (Stockholm), UK (Cambridge), 2017 Latvia (Riga), Lithuania (Vilnius), Hungary (Debrecen), 2018 Latvia (Riga), Lithuania (Nida, Kaunas, Vilnius), Estonia (Tartu), Finland (Helsinki), etc.

### **Participation in international projects:**

Lithuanian Academic Scheme for International Cooperation in Baltic Studies. Cooperation between University of Vilnius, Vytautas Magnus University, University of Educology of Lithuania, and Baltic centers all over the world. (2017–2023),  
Linguistic Studies in 21th cent.: Latvian in Europe (Lingvistiskie pētījumi 21. gadsimtā: Latvija Eiropas kontekstā) (Latvian Language Institute) (2018–2021),  
International Project Lithuania here and there: language, science, culture, society „*Lietuva čia ir ten: kalba, mokslas, kultūra, visuomenė*”. (2012–2015),  
International project of Identity „*Valoda – nacionālās identitātes pamats*” (Latvian Language Institute, 2010–2015),  
Nord-Plus Project (Norway, Sweden, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania) (2015–2016),  
International Project on Lithuanistic (Baltic) studies abroad “Lituanistikos (baltistikos) studijų užsienyje plėtra“ (University of Vilnius, University of Warsaw, University of Helsinki) (2010, 2011, 2012),  
International Project of Identity „*Valoda – nacionālās identitātes pamats*” (as consultant, Latvian Language Institute, 2010),  
Project „Virtual Encyclopedia of Humanitarian Sciences” („*Humanitāro zinātņu virtuālā enciklopēdija: personālijas, avoti, termini*”) (Latvian Language Institute, 2010),  
Project “*Letonica: study of history, language and culture*” – “Latviešu valodas struktūra, funkcijas un elementi: izpēte un sistematizācija” (Nr. 1.7.), (Latvian Language Institute, vad. Ojārs Bušs, 2005–2009),  
International Project „Latvian-Polish Dictionary” („Latviešu-poļu vārdnīca”) (as consultant, A. Sarkanis, Poland, Warszawa, 2007–2009),  
Project “Dictionary of European Place-names” (Italy, Rome, Anna Ferrari, 2005–2008).  
International project SA 208153 “The ethnic, linguistic and cultural making of Northern Russia” (Finland, Academy of Sciences, Juhani Nuorluoto, 2004–2007),  
Project “*Letonika*” – “Linguistic research and lexicographical systematization of Latvian dialectal lexica and nomina propria” (Latvia, Riga, Academy of Sciences, Ojārs Bušs, 2001–2005),  
International anthroponymical project “American Surname Dictionary” (Oxford Press Centre, Patrick Hanks, 1999–2001) - as consultant of Baltic languages.  
Typological project “Dialects of the Baltic Sea” (Sweden, Stockholm University, Marija Kopchevskaja-Tamm, 1996–2000),  
International project “Naming patterns” (USA, NY University, College of Fredonia, Edwin D.Lawson, 1995–1996).

### **Participation in expert commissions:**

Member of the Commission of Experts of the State Language of Latvia (2000–2018),

Member of the Commission of the State Language (subcommission Strategy of Language Policy) (2002 – 2007),  
Member of the Toponymic Committee, Council of Ministers of the Republic of Latvia (1989–1996),  
Expert of the Council of Latvian Science (11<sup>th</sup> branch) (1994–1996).

**Public activities:**

Member of the International Council of Onomastic Sciences (ICOS)  
Member of the Board of Directors of ICOS (1999–2002)  
Vice Chairman, Council of Sciences of Latvian Language Institute  
(Riga, 1992 –1997)  
Member of the Association for the Advancement of Baltic Studies  
(AABS)  
Member of the Latvian-Lithuanian Unity  
Member of the Society of Philologists of Latvia  
Member of the Union of Latvian Scientists  
Referee of international scientific journal “Onoma” (Leuven/Uppsala)  
Informant of international journal of onomastics “Rivista Italiana di  
Onomastica” (RION) (Rome)  
Member of editorial Board of linguistic magazines “Baltu Filoloģija”  
and “Linguistica Lettica” (Riga), “Humanitāro Zinātņu Vēstnesis”  
(Daugavpils), „Scriptus Manet” (Liepāja), „Acta onomastica” (Praha),  
Member of the *International Forum* (University of Helsinki) (from  
2008)  
Member of the expert group on immigrant language in Finland  
(since 2009).

**Awards:** Medal of Barricades of Latvia in 1991 (1998),  
Medal of Lithuanian Republic “For Memory of the 13<sup>th</sup> of January” (2001),  
“Opetuksen maineteko 2004”, University of Helsinki (2004),  
Honorary award of the President of Lithuanian Republic for linguistic work  
in Latvia (2004),  
Honorary award of The Ministry of Education and Sciences of the Republic  
of Latvia for successful and long-term work in the popularization and  
teaching of Latvian language, literature, culture and history outside Latvia  
(2009),  
Medal of Baltic Assembly (2011),  
Cross of Commander of the Order for Merits of Lithuania („Už nuopelnus  
Lietuvai” - karininko kryžius) (2011),  
Lithuanian government’s prize for the whole life achievement in  
humanitarian sciences for Lithuanians working abroad (2014).  
Honorary award *Kultainen ansiomerkki 30 vuoden palveluksesta tieteen  
hyväksi* (Tieteellisten Seurain Valtuuskunta, Suomen yliopistot UNIFI), (2018)  
*Baltic Award* (Lithuanian and Latvian Foreign Ministries) (2018)

**Language skills:** Latvian, Lithuanian (native),  
English, Russian (a good command),  
Finnish (conversation level),  
German, Latin, Ancient Greek, Sanskrit (using dictionary)

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